

RESIDENCE DESTROYED

Lady Ran a Square to a Neighbor's in Night Clothes and Bare Feet.

EMPLOY ASSISTANT PASTOR

A Thousand Will Come From Raleigh to See the Game Between 'Varsity Teams.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RICHMOND, N. C., Nov. 20.—Fire was discovered soon after midnight last night in the residence of Mr. Bedford Brown, a clerk in the postoffice, just in time for the family to escape. Mrs. Brown, half awake and frightened out of her wits, fled from the house in her night clothes almost a square to a friend's house in her bare feet. Very little furniture was saved, and the house was wrecked.

Tabernacle Baptist Church, of this city, has decided to employ an assistant pastor to lead Rev. Jasper C. farm labor in the city. No one has yet been called to the place.

It is expected that 900 or 1,000 people will go from Raleigh to Richmond Thanksgiving day to witness the Virginia-Carolina football game, and hear the Wake Forest-Richmond College debate for the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce cup. The Seaboard Air Line will run a special train.

Agricultural Station, just completed by the Commissioner of Labor for his annual report, show among other things that farm labor is scarce in ninety counties, plentiful in six and abundant in one, and that farmers in ninety counties report no negro labor, very unreliable. Reports from one county show no negro laborers at all.

GOOD WAGES. The commissioner's report shows further that the average monthly wage for farm labor is \$17 per month for men and \$10 for women. Sixty-four counties report increase in wages. Reports from ninety counties show improvement in education and even no improvement in ninety counties. Financial condition good, forty-nine fair and thirty-five poor.

In reply to the question, "Do you favor a compulsory school law?" asked by the Commissioner, the answer was "yes" and twenty per cent. "no."

UNION OF CHURCHES.

Methodist Protestants, Congregational and United Brethren.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Nov. 20.—The features of to-day's session of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference was an address by Dr. M. L. Jennings, editor of the Methodist Protestant Recorder, of Raleigh, and his calling for ten delegates to the General Conference at Washington, D. C., next May.

Dr. Jennings spoke in favor of the union between the Methodist Protestant, the Congregational and the United Brethren churches. He said: "Let the two churches agree to terms and the Methodist Protestants can adjust themselves to the conditions. We are growing out of the thought that such a union was impossible into the thought that such a union is exceedingly probable. North and South, East and West make no distinction as to the general interest of the union. What is your interest is also for the interest of the church at large. It is not because the Methodist Episcopal Church kicked us out when they didn't want us any longer, but because there was a principle involved called the Mutual Rights that developed a spirit of liberality that bound together the hearts of those who founded the Methodist Protestant Church."

The names of the delegates elected will be announced to-morrow. It is the impression that they will be instructed to vote for union of the three denominations. The members of the conference were tendered an outing over the city and suburbs this afternoon. Dr. Tagge, editor of the Methodist Protestant, Baltimore, preached a forcible sermon to the conference to-night.

MUCH MIXED TITLES.

Many Persons Settled on State Grants That Are Void.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 20.—Mr. R. G. Grady, a prominent lawyer of this city, while in Raleigh a few days ago, gave this afternoon a state day on the office of the Secretary of State, brought to light the fact that the titles to a large part of about 150,000 acres of land in Holly Shelton township, Pender county, is seriously muddled.

In 1774 it seems that this land was divided into five parties, and was later bought back by the State for taxes due. Then later by act of the Legislature this land, with other State lands, especially swamp lands, passed into the possession of the State Board of Education. However, in the meantime, the titles went in on the lands and settled as they would on ordinary State lands, obtaining grants for it from the Secretary of State.

Of course, many of these will hold by right of possession. But in the past ten or fifteen years 20,000 or 25,000 acres have been taken up by various parties, and grants for it procured from the Secretary of State instead of from the State Board of Education, to whom it really belonged.

Of course, these grants are all void, and those who hold these State grants must now make their peace with the State Board of Education. Mr. Grady was in Raleigh trading titles to a number of tracts of land in Pender county, when he discovered the complication in the titles to the lands referred to above.

Want Mortgage Set Aside.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Nov. 20.—Major Alexander, referee in bankruptcy, heard arguments to-day on a motion to set aside a mortgage made by J. A. Stone, ex-Mayor and banker of Pilot Mountain, to A. B. Kinball, of Greensboro, to secure Greensboro National Bank and the International Trust Company, of Baltimore, for \$15,000.

It is claimed that the mortgage was executed four days before Stone went into bankruptcy. Stone is now said to be in Montreal, Canada. His family still reside at Pilot Mountain. The cause of his failure has never been explained.

The Great Gun Inventor.

One of the striking features of to-morrow's Times-Dispatch will be an interesting story by Sir Hiram Maxim of his own life and about his latest inventions.

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BURNED TO DEATH.

Negro Child Perishes and Sets Fire to Dwelling.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
YORKTOWN, VA., Nov. 20.—The wife of George Wilkinson, colored woman, left her three children alone in the house while doing some work for a neighbor. Smoke was seen issuing from the premises and the woman hastened home only to find the roof had fallen in. Desperate efforts were made to rescue the child, but were of no avail, as she became overcome with smoke and suffocated. After the flames had abated somewhat a search of the ruins was made, revealing only the charred body of the girl. The seven-year-old girl states her sister's dress caught fire at the stove and she ran and jumped into the bed. The little one saved the infant's life.

The Art of Self-Defense.

The Times-Dispatch has arranged with Robert Fitzsimmons, the champion pugilist, to write a series of articles on Physical Culture and Self-Defense. The first of them will appear in to-morrow's Times-Dispatch.

CHURCH NOTICES.

BAPTIST.

GROVE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH (Grove Avenue and Beech Street)—Rev. J. E. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. The True Measurement of Life and Its Effects on Conduct and Character. Subject: "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH (CORNER Sixth and Main Streets)—Dr. W. R. L. SMITH, pastor.—Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. The True Measurement of Life and Its Effects on Conduct and Character. Subject: "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

LEIGH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH (Corner Twenty-fifth and Leigh Streets, on Leigh Street)—Rev. J. E. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH (PINE and Grace Streets)—WESTON BRUNER, D. D., pastor.—Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

GRACE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH (Corner Grace and Fourth Streets)—Rev. J. E. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

BROAD STREET BAPTIST CHURCH (Corner Broad and Second Streets)—Rev. J. E. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

CENTURY METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. W. W. LEAR, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

CLAY STREET METHODIST CHURCH (Corner Adams and Clay Streets)—Rev. J. E. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

SEABURY CHURCH (MANCHESTER)—Rev. J. E. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CORNER Madison and Grace Streets)—Rev. J. E. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

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THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CORNER Third and Main Streets)—Rev. J. E. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CORNER Fourth and Main Streets)—Rev. J. E. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

FIFTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CORNER Fifth and Main Streets)—Rev. J. E. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

SIXTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CORNER Sixth and Main Streets)—Rev. J. E. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

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EIGHTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CORNER Eighth and Main Streets)—Rev. J. E. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CORNER Ninth and Main Streets)—Rev. J. E. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

TENTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CORNER Tenth and Main Streets)—Rev. J. E. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Evening subject, "The True Measurement of Life." Sunday school at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

A PARTY IN MANCHESTER

Mrs. John H. Talley Celebrates Her Sixty-third Birthday. Many Present.

THE SUIT WAS COMPROMISED

Administratrix of John A. Sharp Gets \$4,500—Liquor Cases To-day—Judge Clopton to Act.

Manchester Bureau (Times-Dispatch.)
No. 1102 Hull Street.
The celebration of her sixty-third birthday by Mrs. John H. Talley, at her home, No. 100 Hull Street, on Wednesday night was a brilliant affair, and an exceedingly happy one for Mrs. Talley and her guests. The decorations were pink and green.

A programme of special interest was carried out, participated in by many of Manchester and Richmond's best known entertainers, including Colonel Allen, Mrs. Gertie Allen, Mr. Willie Freeman, Mr. Lonnie Wilson, Mr. Tom Farley, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burton and Mr. Gentry with his graphophone.

Mrs. Talley received many good wishes and beautiful presents, and a number of letters and telegrams of congratulation were read.

Those present were: Misses Carls and Estelle Talley, Masters Carlton and George Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. William Allen, Mrs. Kay, of Richmond; Miss Bertha Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield, son and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Madras, Mr. Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Talley, Mrs. Miss Talbot, Mr. Charles Gentry, and Mrs. John H. Talley, Mr. Tom Farley, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burton and Mr. Gentry with his graphophone.

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THE BRUCE BILL ON SOCIAL CLUBS

Its Passage Will Practically Put Them Out of Business.

Perhaps one of the most interesting and important measures offered at the present session of the General Assembly is that of which Senator R. P. Bruce, of Wise, was the patron on yesterday, having for its object the prohibiting of the sale or giving away of ardent spirits of any description by social clubs in the State.

The bill is offered, and will be pressed in all likelihood to a successful issue, to cure the defect in the Mann liquor bill, which allows social clubs to obtain ardent spirits from the State and dispense liquors, notwithstanding the evident intention of the Legislature to prohibit such sale except under the most rigid restrictions. More than half the charter granted by the Corporation Commission have been to social clubs, and the effect of the passage of the Bruce bill will be to put nearly all of them out of business.

"It is a serious matter in the minds of the members of the Legislature," says Senator Bruce last night, "and in my view of the case the present situation is worse than were conditions under the old law."

Senator Bruce, who is one of the ablest leaders in the Legislature, will push the bill, and there is every reason to believe that it will pass. There are about seventy counties in the State where the people have voted for local option, either in whole or in part, and in all these counties the sale of liquor is prohibited.

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